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Proposed Amendments to the Drawings

Please see the attached proposed Replacement Sheet, which modifies FIG. 11c.

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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 27, 38, 54 and 70-75. Claims 27-75 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action objected to indicia contained in the drawings, objected to Applicants' July 20, 2006 Amendment under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) for allegedly introducing new matter, rejected claims 27-69 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement, and rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Regarding these objections and rejections, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner, David M. Shay, for the telephonic Examiner Interview conducted with Applicants' representative, Kenton R. Mullins, on March 7, 2007, at which time it was indicated by Examiner Shay that the application as presently amended would appear to overcome the objections and rejections of record. It was suggested that submission of the current Amendment by Applicants may result in withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections. Examiner Shay, however, reserved the right to review the case in greater detail and to conduct an update search. Accordingly, as a consequence of the mentioned Examiner Interview, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the current objections and rejections.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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